

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1813 - HB 1855

February 20, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each local education agency (LEA) to install technology on each of the LEA's computers with internet access to filter or block internet access through the LEAs computers to material deemed by the LEA to be harmful, pornographic, or obscene by community standards. Requires each LEA to review its internet acceptable use policy and the technology installed to filter or block internet access through the LEAs computers by January 1, 2021, and once every three years after. Requires the director of schools to implement and enforce the LEA's acceptable use policy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$4,500,000/FY20-21*
\$810,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that all districts are currently using enterprise level management systems rather than per-device software.
- Based on district technology survey estimates there are approximately 900,000 devices that will require technology installed to achieve the purposes of the proposed legislation.
- It is estimated that it will cost \$5 per device to install and implement the technology on all applicable devices and will increase local expenditures \$4,500,000 (900,000 x \$5) in FY20-21.
- Based on an industry standard rate of 18 percent, annual maintenance costs are estimated to result in a mandatory increase to local expenditures of \$810,000 (\$4,500,000 x 18%) in FY21-22 and subsequent years.
- The Department of Education will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- No impact to the Basic Education Program

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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